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**THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND**  
**CLEANSING OFFICER**



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Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary circumstances of your district for the Year 1966.

The Vital Statistics compare fairly favourably with those of the previous year and with the country as a whole.

The birth rate is slightly lower. The infant mortality rate is higher.

There were eight infant deaths as against seven last year. Of these eight infant deaths, two died under 1 week; another three under 4 weeks and three died aged, 1, 3 and 9 months respectively. Again of these eight infant deaths, two died from prematurity, two from infection, two from infection associated with abnormalities and two from abnormalities. Six died in Hospital and two at home.

The still birth rate is very much lower—three as against eight last year.

The death rate is higher. There were 233 deaths as against 197. Of these two hundred and thirty three deaths well over half reached the age of 70 years, seventy-three died aged 70-80; forty-four—80-90; and eight were over 90. A very good record for the district.

It is pleasing to report there was no maternal death this year. There was quite an increase in the number of cases of Cancer of all parts of the body—46—last year 31. Lung cancer cases increased to 11 from 7, but 7 had been the lowest number for a number of years. The tobacco manufacturers say sales of cigarettes are going down and definitely there are fewer smokers, at least in the older age groups—so this must surely have an effect in time on the number of lung cancer cases.

There were ninety-three deaths due to diseases of the heart and circulatory system—eighty-seven last year. There were nine deaths from pneumonia as against five last year. Bronchitis caused nineteen deaths—only twelve last year.

Last year's record of no tuberculosis notifications was badly shattered this year—there were six pulmonary cases notified.

During the visit of the Mass Miniature Radiography Unit 3,165 people were x-rayed. This is a big improvement on the 972 x-rayed last year. Due to the fact that in most places fewer people are availing themselves of this service and also that fewer cases of pulmonary tuberculosis are being discovered in this way, the Unit will in future be making fewer visits and giving less time to the different areas.

B.C.G. vaccination against tuberculosis was continued in the Senior Schools as in previous years with satisfactory results. I would once again thank all head teachers for their excellent co-operation.

Notification of infectious diseases totalled 74 in comparison with 439 last year. This was the lowest number ever notified and was mainly

due to the drop in measles notifications, but there were many fewer Scarlet Fever and Whooping Cough cases. Scarlet Fever 5 (42 last year), Whooping Cough 5 (31 last year). There were 2 cases of puerperal fever notified from the General Hospital—the same as last year.

No case of dysentery has been notified for the past two years.

The last case of poliomyelitis was notified in 1958 and the last Diphtheria in 1954.

Vaccination against poliomyelitis by the oral method continues to be carried out in the infant schools. This is offered to the pre-School child in clinics and General Practitioner's Surgeries. Combined Diphtheria and Tetanus injections are similarly carried out. Immunisation with triple vaccine against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus is carried out in infancy at Clinics and General Practitioner's Surgeries. Smallpox vaccination is now done in the 2nd year of life.

Meals on Wheels are still supplied to twenty-four people of pensionable age twice per week. I would like to thank the members of the W.R.V.S. who so willingly give such regular service to our old people.

The Chiropody Service functions very satisfactorily. Two sessions per week continue to be held for people of pensionable age. At the end of the year there were 320 on the waiting list and the number of treatments given during the year was 832. We are indebted to the Hon. Secretary who carries on so ably.

The Club for the Physically Handicapped continues to run satisfactorily. It is carried on by representatives of the various organisations of the town.

Forty-nine houses were erected during the year. Twenty-four were built by the Council and twenty-five by private enterprise.

The report on the Sewage works at Tudhoe Mill is substantially the same as last year. The Inquiry by the Ministry was held on 14th December and we now await their decision.

The new Town Centre has been visibly progressing during this year and we look forward to its further development.

As this will be my 12th and last report before retiring. I would like to thank my Council for their continued consideration and courtesy during the last twelve years and express my thanks to the Health Department Staff for their help and work during these years.

I am,

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

Your obedient Servant,

Jo. M. HEGARTY, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.

Health Department,  
Town Hall,  
Spennymoor,  
July, 1967.



## Population

The Registrar General's figure calculated to the middle of 1966 gives the resident population of the District as 18,550. This figure represents a reduction of 100 on the previous year and a decrease of 390 on the 1939 figure.

The approximate population of the various Wards in the District has been assessed as follows :—

Spennymoor Ward	...	...	...	4,021
Low Spennymoor Ward	...	...	...	1,278
Middlestone Ward	...	...	...	3,501
Merrington Ward	...	...	...	927
Byers Green Ward	...	...	...	1,082
Tudhoe Ward	...	...	...	7,741
Total Population				... 18,550

## Area

The District covers, 7,543 acres and includes the villages of Middlestone Moor, Byers Green and Merrington, with an acreage of:—

Spennymoor Ward	...	...	...	1,134
Low Spennymoor Ward	...	...	...	329
Middlestone Ward	...	...	...	1,215
Merrington Ward	...	...	...	1,822
Byers Green Ward	...	...	...	1,130
Tudhoe Ward	...	...	...	1,913
Total Acreage				... 7,543

## Inhabited Houses

The estimated number of inhabited houses in the District according to records available at the end of December, 1966, was 6,471.

## Rateable Value

The Rateable Value of the District on 1st April, 1966 was £496,606.

## Product of a Penny Rate

The product of a penny rate on 1st April, 1966, was £1,969. 6s. 5d.

## STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR 1966 WITH COMPARISONS OF THE PRE-WAR AND POST-WAR PERIODS.

### Births 1966

<i>Live Births :—</i>		Male	Female	Total	Standard Birth Rate
Legitimate ...	...	124	133	257	14.47
Illegitimate ...	...	6	3	9	
		<u>124</u>	<u>136</u>	<u>266</u>	
		<u><u>124</u></u>	<u><u>136</u></u>	<u><u>266</u></u>	

  

<i>Still Births :—</i>		Male	Female	Total	Standard Birth Rate
Legitimate ...	...	3	—	3	0.161
Illegitimate ...	...	—	—	—	
		<u>3</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>3</u>	
		<u><u>3</u></u>	<u><u>—</u></u>	<u><u>3</u></u>	

For comparative purposes the crude rates are given for the three years immediately prior to the War, and as from 1963 the Standard Rate is shown.

Year.	Live Births.	Still Births.	Birth Rate per 1,000 pop.	
			Live Births.	Still Births.
1936	271	18	17.50	1.17
1937	318	16	17.20	0.86
1938	319	9	16.50	0.46
1963	328	4	17.44	0.210
1964	291	9	15.56	0.482
1965	272	8	14.72	0.432

Extracts from National Statistics are given for comparative purposes :—

	<i>Spennymoor District.</i>	<i>Durham County.</i>	<i>England and Wales.</i>
Live Births per 1,000 pop.	14.47	17.3	17.7
Still Births per 1,000 live and still births ... ..	11.26	17.1	15.4
Infant Mortality per 1,000 live births ... ..	36.38	21.0	19.0
Neo-natal Mortality per 1,000 live births ...	22.73	14.2	12.9
Early Neo-natal per 1,000 live births ...	9.08	11.6	11.1
Perinatal Mortality per 1,000 total live and still births	22.48	28.6	26.3
Maternal Mortality ...	—	0.12	0.26

### Deaths 1966

	Male.	Female.	Total.	Rate.
Deaths ...	133	100	233	14.58
Infant Mortality	2	6	8	36.38 per 1,000 Live Births.

Pre-War and Post-War periods are enumerated for comparison.

1936	Deaths	193 deaths giving a rate of			12.16 per 1,000 pop.
	Infant Mortality	21	„	„	77.50 per 1,000 Births.
1937	Deaths	236 deaths giving a rate of			12.80 per 1,000 pop.
	Infant Mortality	24	„	„	75.47 per 1,000 Births.
1938	Deaths	239 deaths giving a rate of			12.30 per 1,000 pop.
	Infant Mortality	19	„	„	53.03 per 1,000 Births.
1963	Deaths	237 deaths giving a rate of			15.23 per 1,000 pop.
	Infant Mortality	14	„	„	52.06 per 1,000 Births.
1964	Deaths	220 deaths giving a rate of			14.15 per 1,000 pop.
	Infant Mortality	3	„	„	22.56 per 1,000 Births.
1965	Deaths	197 deaths giving a rate of			12.78 per 1,000 pop.
	Infant Mortality	7	„	„	31.13 per 1,000 Births.



## CAUSES OF DEATH

						Males	Females
All Causes	...	...	...	...	...	133	100
Tuberculosis, respiratory system	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Tuberculosis, other	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Meningococcal Infections	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Other infective and parasitic disease	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	...	...	4	4
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	...	...	...	9	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	...	...	—	4
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	...	...	—	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	...	...	...	11	10
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	...	...	...	17	16
Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	...	...	35	22
Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Other heart disease	...	...	...	...	...	13	9
Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	...	...	10	3
Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	5	4
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	15	4
Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
Ulcer of the stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Hyper-plasia of prostate	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Congenital malformations	...	...	...	...	...	2	3
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	...	...	...	1	7
Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
All other accidents	...	...	...	...	...	3	4
Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	...	...	—	—

Heart and other circulatory diseases account for 39.91% of the total number of deaths, a decrease of 3.84% over the previous year

**Deaths according to Age Groups**

	—1	1+	5 +	15+	25+	35+	45+	55+	65+	75 and over.	Total all Ages.
Male	2	—	1	2	1	5	6	17	40	49	133
Female	6	—	1	—	3	2	6	10	29	43	100
											<u>233</u>

**TUBERCULOSIS 1966**

The following cases remained on the Register at the end of the year :—

	Pulmonary.		Non Pulmonary.	
Males	...	...	68	19
Females	...	...	41	23
			<u>109</u>	<u>42</u>

The above figures represent a increase of two pulmonary cases on the previous year.

The number of known Tuberculosis cases in the District represents .81% of the population, this being .02% above last year's figure.

**MASS RADIOGRAPHY UNIT****Summary of Statistical Information—Spennymoor Survey**

	<i>Male.</i>	<i>Female.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
No. x-rayed ... ..	1,429	1,736	3,165
No. referred to Chest Clinic	13	6	19

**ABNORMALITIES REVEALED.**

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Notified pulmonary tuberculosis ...	2	—	2
Healed pulmonary tuberculosis ... ..	8	15	23
Cardiac abnormalities ... ..	4	6	10
Pneumoconiosis ... ..	4	—	4
Eosinophilia ... ..	1	—	1

			<i>Male</i>	<i>Female.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Atelectasis	...	...	—	1	1
Rheumatoid lung	...	...	1	—	1
Pleural thickening	...	...	1	1	2
Emphysema	...	...	1	1	2
Bronchitis	...	...	2	—	2
Cystic lung	...	...	1	—	1
Normal on investigation			—	3	3
Did not attend Clinic	...		2	1	3

### SUMMARY OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFICATIONS

Age Group.		Under 1 yr.	1+	3+	5+	10+	15+	25 years & over.
Scarlet Fever	...	—	—	1	3	1	—	—
Whooping Cough		—	1	1	3	—	—	—
Measles	... ..	4	11	23	13	1	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Pneumonia	...	—	—	—	1	—	1	2

#### Tuberculosis

##### MALES

Pulmonary	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Meninges and C.N.S.		—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

##### FEMALES

Pulmonary	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meninges and C.N.S.		—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than TUBERCULOSIS) during 1966

MONTHLY INCIDENCE OF NOTIFICATIONS

Disease.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals.
Scarlet Fever ...	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	5
Whooping Cough ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	1	—	—	—	5
Measles ...	4	—	—	2	—	2	21	9	2	4	3	5	52
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2
Pneumonia ...	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
MONTHLY TOTALS ...	6	—	3	4	—	2	24	12	3	4	4	6	68



# NOTIFICATIONS BY WARDS (CIVILIAN)

Disease	Spenny-moor	Low Spenny-moor	Middle-stone	Byers Green	Merrington	Tudhoe	Totals
Scarlet Fever ...	—	—	1	—	—	4	5
Whooping Cough ...	—	—	—	—	—	5	5
Measles ...	19	4	9	—	—	20	52
Tuberculosis Pul.	—	—	—	2	1	3	6
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	—	—	—	—	1	1	2
Pneumonia ...	—	—	1	1	—	2	4
TOTALS ...	19	4	11	3	2	35	74



The following particulars have been supplied by the County Authority of immunisation work relating to the Area for the year under review :—

### **Diphtheria Immunisation :**

No case of diphtheria was notified during the year.

Primary Injection	Reinforcing Injection
294	218

### **Whooping Cough Immunisation :**

Primary Injection.	Reinforcing Injection.
219	99

### **Tetanus Injections :**

Primary Injection.	Reinforcing Injection.
295	134

### **Smallpox Vaccination :**

Primary Vaccination.	Revaccination.
137	36

### **Poliomyelitis Vaccination :**

No case of poliomyelitis was notified during the year.

Primary Injection.	Third Oral.	Reinforcing Oral
(salk) 1	296	132

### **B.C.G. Vaccination :**

277 children were Heaf Tested.

18 children were Positive.

237 children were Negative.

232 children were Vaccinated.

(All figures relate to children of 16 years and under).

### **Home Help :**

New cases served during the year	...	...	...	...	58
Total number of cases provided with home help during the year	...	...	...	...	196
Cases terminated during the year	...	...	...	...	40
Cases receiving the service at 31st December, 1966	...	...	...	...	156

**The Chairman and Members  
of the Spennymoor Urban District Council.**

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I have pleasure in submitting my Report on the work of the Department during the year 1966.

The responsibility of the local authority and its officers in environmental health already covers an impressive field, but new Statutes predominantly tend to extend these powers conducive to the health and well-being of the community.

Regulations under the Food and Drugs Act are under almost constant review to establish legal standards in terms of "quality and safeguards" as a protection to the consumer. Throughout the year Codes of Practice were received regarding the manufacture and marketing of foodstuffs. These Codes of Practice were issued by the Local Authorities Joint Advisory Committee on Food Standards and although they have no legal authority, they represent a standard which has been agreed to by the local authorities and manufacturers. Sampling of Food and Drugs to ensure maintenance of the legal standards is carried out by the County Council in consultation with the Public Analyst as we are not a Food and Drugs authority.

Storage, preparation and handling of food involve the Department in duties which call for constant vigilance to ensure fitness for human consumption, and compliance with the Food Hygiene Regulations. One of the most essential conditions to be observed by every food handler is the practice of a very high standard of personal hygiene—lack of hand washing before handling food may cause serious contamination and illness to the consumer.

Quite frequently the Food Trade introduces new techniques and improved methods of manufacture in food products—the consumer is quick to value those magic words on the label "untouched by hand during manufacture". In this category, pre-wrapped products have done much to prevent contamination and can also contribute to quality freshness of the article.

There are, however, instances where precautions in certain types of pre-packaged foods need care to ensure their fitness for human consumption when purchased by the consumer. Products must not be stored for periods in excess of the "shelf-life" of the article—this applies to those foods transferred to mobile shops and equally to food stored in temperature controlled cabinets. Failure of the retailer to make a daily check of such perishable stock and to "code" them to ensure rotational sale may well involve serious consequences.



The survey of offices and shops for securing the health, safety and welfare of staff, which was initially limited to preliminaries last year, has commenced. Close liaison with H.M. Inspector of Factories has facilitated the smooth administration of the Act.

There is perhaps no other local authority service so personal to all residents of a district as the refuse collection service.

New houses continue to be built in the district adding appreciably to the weekly task. This service is committed to most exacting demands in all types of weather and I am pleased to record that a once weekly collection was maintained throughout the year with the notable exception of January, when the villages of Byers Green and Merrington were isolated by heavy snowfalls.

Refuse disposal has continued throughout the year at the Rock Road site. If we are to continue to extend tipping life at this location it will necessitate the diversion of a water course that travels through adjoining fields. The control over present day refuse presents much anxiety as it is bulkier and lighter than ever before. Most local authorities realise the need for improved methods to achieve a higher public health standard of waste disposal and are introducing pulverisation plant in order to increase the density of the refuse. The Council has for many years recovered fibreboard from the local Trading Estate for sale to the Mills. Now that we are suitably installed and equipped in our new Central Depot we should be handling more salvage to bring us closer to the national average.

Considerable repairs to the refuse collection vehicles and bulldozer have been necessary during the year and particularly in view of pending compulsory M.T. tests a mechanic of our own would seem to be a feasible proposition. A programme of preventive maintenance could then be carried out to all Council vehicles.

Slum clearance work has continued throughout the year and the Town Map has now been submitted to the Minister of Housing and Local Government for approval. The major problems entailed are well appreciated, they include a "major slum clearance programme" involving the demolition of nearly 1,500 houses, about one quarter of the existing stock.

We are now in the transitional period between the "old" and the "new". As the town develops so the health services expand. Health is the responsibility of the individual and recent events prove that we cannot be too complacent in these matters.

It is with pleasure that I express once again my thanks to my fellow Chief Officers and their respective staffs for assistance during the year and to Officers of other bodies whose advice has been so readily available.

In conclusion I would like to thank all members of the Department for their support during the year.

I am,

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

Your obedient Servant,

M. W. SWALES,

M.R.S.H., A.M.I.P.H.E.

Health Department,

Town Hall,

Spennymoor.

July, 1967.

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

Summary of Notices served and work done in the Public Health Inspector's Department during the Year, 1966.

### 1. General Summary.

	No. of Inspections.	No. of Informal Notices served.	No. of Statutory Notices served.	Defects remedied after Notice.
Housing :				
Public Health and Housing Acts ...	1,715	58	9	43
Overcrowding ...	454	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveni- ences :				
Insufficient ...	22	—	—	—
Defective ...	4	—	—	—
Drainage ...	391	370	—	—
Water Supply ...	7	—	—	—
Food Premises ...	201	20	—	2
Shops Act ...	15	—	—	—
Slaughter Houses				
Public ...	—	—	—	—
Private... ...	1,456	—	—	—
Dairies ...	2	—	—	—
Tents, Vans, etc	44	—	—	—
Offensive				
Accumulations	7	—	—	—
Smoke Nuisances	58	—	—	—
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949 ...	148	1	—	1
Factories and Workplaces ...	15	1	—	—
Offices Shops & Railway Premises ....	315	54	2	68
Other inspections	781	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,635</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>114</b>

Ashpit-privies converted into water-closets ...	...	...	...	—
Ash-closets converted into water-closets ...	...	...	...	66
Total number of water-closets in District ...	...	...	...	7,542
Total number of ash-closets in District ...	...	...	...	99
Total number of ash-pit privies in District ...	...	...	...	—



## 2. Closing and Demolition of Houses.

### A. Formal Action.

(i) No. of houses demolished during year as a result of Clearance Schemes or other formal action	...	...	91
(ii) No. of houses closed but not demolished as a result of formal action	...	...	—
(iii) No. of houses in Clearance Areas and individual unfit houses, demolition of which temporarily postponed	...	...	—
(iv) No. of houses in use as temporary accommodation	...	...	—

### B. Informal Action.

(i) No. of houses permanently discontinued as dwellings as a result of informal action and not included above	...	...	—
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## 3. Reconditioning and Repair.

No. of houses made fit during year by procedure under Housing Acts (excluding temporary accommodation) or Public Health Acts

(a) As a result of informal action	...	...	406
(b) By owners as a result of statutory notice	...	...	3
(c) By Local Authority in default of owners	...	...	2

## 4. Improvement Grants : Housing Act, 1958/64.

		<i>No. of separate houses</i>	
		<i>Discretionary Grant.</i>	<i>Standard Grant.</i>
(a)	Applications submitted to Local Authority in the year	28	8
(b)	Applications rejected by Local Authority in the year	—	—
(c)	Total number of applications approved since inception of scheme	347	104
(d)	Total number of grants paid since inception of scheme	318	97
(e)	Number of dwellings improved in the year	28	9
(f)	Number of dwellings improved since inception of scheme	319	97
(g)	Amount paid in grants in the year	£5,988	£824
(h)	Average grant per house in the year	£214	£91
(i)	Amount paid in grants since inception of scheme	£108,607	£9,393
(j)	Standard Grant: Amenities provided in the year		
	(i) fixed bath	...	4
	(ii) shower	...	—
	(iii) wash hand basin	...	4
	(iv) hot water supply (to any fittings)	...	3
	(v) water closet (1) within dwelling	...	8
	(2) accessible from dwelling	...	—
	(vi) food store	...	3

## 5. Tabular Statement for Year 1966.

	New Houses Completed During Year.	With State Assistance.	Unaided.	Total.
(a)	By Local Authority ...	24	—	24
(b)	By any other Housing Authority ...	—	—	—
(c)	By private persons ...	—	25	25

### Rent Act, 1957.

No applications were received during the year for Certificates of Disrepair or the cancellation of existing certificates.

Certificates of Disrepair issued by the Urban District Council under the above Act since the date of operation, 6th July, 1957 to the 31st December, 1966.

#### Part I.—Applications for Certificates of Disrepair.

(1) Number of applications for certificates ...	71
(2) Number of decisions not to issue certificates ...	1
(3) Number of decisions to issue certificates ...	69
(a) in respect of some but not all defects ...	14
(b) in respect of all defects ...	55
(4) Number of undertakings given by landlords under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule ...	34
(5) Number of undertakings refused by local authority under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule ...	—
(6) Number of Certificates issued ...	35

#### Part II.—Applications for Cancellation of Certificates.

(7) Applications by landlords to Local Authority for cancellation of certificates ...	18
(8) Objections by tenants to cancellation of certificates ...	9
(9) Decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenants' objection ...	—
(10) Certificates cancelled by Local Authority...	9

## Pest Control

### *Rodent Destruction.*

A total of two hundred and ninety-six premises were treated for rat and mice infestation during the year 1966.

Premises treated as a result of complaints received and investigations made during 1965.

(for information).

Dwellings incl. Council houses.	Business Premises.	Council property Other than Houses.	Farms and Small Holdings.	Total
53	14	RATS 4	—	71
10	4	MICE —	—	14

All premises notified by residents and those found by investigation to be infested, have been treated throughout the year as follows:—

	Non Agricultural	Agricultural
No. of properties in district ... ..	7,046	49
No. of properties inspected after notification ... ..	127	8
No. of properties infested:		
1. Rats ... ..	88	8
2. Mice ... ..	39	—
No. of properties inspected without notification ... ..	13	—
No. of properties infested:		
1. Rats ... ..	13	—
2. Mice ... ..	—	—



## Disinfestations

Treatments are normally carried out by the Public Health Inspectors but it is felt that they should act more in a supervisory capacity than at present when they have to do this work themselves.

Properties disinfested during the year included:—

Spider Beetle	...	...	...	4
Bugs	...	...	...	1
Cockroaches...	...	...	...	31
Flies	...	...	...	3
Earwigs	...	...	...	2
Red Mite	...	...	...	9
Wood Beetle	...	...	...	1
Silver Fish	...	...	...	2

The services of a private firm were secured to carry out specialised treatment for the eradication of cockroaches on a modern housing estate, under our supervision.

The services of a part-time operator will once more become a necessity when families are rehoused to flatted developments.

## Meat Inspection:

Inspectors and Slaughtermen alike were relieved at the introduction of Controlled Hours of Slaughter at the Wholesale Slaughterhouse, brought about under the Meat Inspection (Amendment) Regulations, 1966, Circular FSH/30/66.

Animals slaughtered during the year were as follows:—

Month.	Cattle.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs.
January...	203	66	4	1,126	414
February	200	58	8	856	406
March ...	234	44	6	873	429
April ...	203	62	7	876	442
May ...	201	65	3	809	346
June ...	204	47	3	942	326
July ...	195	49	—	1,217	303
August ...	199	37	4	1,506	332
September	250	41	5	1,512	313
October	244	36	1	1,512	345
November	269	50	4	1,727	340
December	213	38	16	1,350	484
Totals	2,615	593	61	14,306	4,480

The number of carcasses examined has increased from 18,176 in 1965 to 22,055 during 1966.

**Pre-War and Post Control Slaughtering.**

Year.	Cattle.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs.	Total Animals.
1937 ...	784	176	15	450	480	1,905
1938 ...	828	240	12	252	420	1,752
July-December, 1954 (6 months)	509	67	9	1,035	948	2,568
1955 ...	1,887	203	43	4,935	2,221	9,289
1956 ...	2,742	344	74	7,318	3,087	13,579
1957 ...	3,174	526	57	7,213	3,515	14,485
1958 ...	3,246	739	23	6,345	3,530	13,883
1959 ...	3,367	603	24	9,534	3,134	16,662
1960 ...	3,546	478	43	10,193	2,708	16,968
1961 ...	3,909	525	45	10,180	3,033	17,692
1962 ...	3,594	928	48	12,455	3,223	20,194
1963 ...	3,079	1,293	97	10,682	4,158	19,309
1964 ...	2,518	1,234	97	11,038	3,660	18,547
1965 ...	2,411	671	63	10,757	4,274	18,176
1966 ...	2,615	593	61	14,306	4,480	22,090



## Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle Excl. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed ... ..	2,615	593	61	14,306	4,480	—
Number of carcases inspected ...	2,615	593	61	14,306	4,480	—
All diseases except tuberculosis and Cysticerci : Whole carcases condemned ...	5	22	5	54	9	—
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned ...	748	160	3	1,984	826	—
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and Cysticerci:	28.7 %	31.3 %	13.1 %	14.2 %	18.6 %	—
Tuberculosis only : Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	5	—	—	—	23	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis ... ..	0.19 %	—	—	—	0.51 %	—
Cysticercosis : Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	4	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration ...	4	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with cysticercosis ... ..	0.15 %	—	—	—	—	—

Amount of Carcase meat condemned 14,199 lbs.

Amount of Offal condemned 19,674 lbs.

### Meat Supplies:

Supply of meat to Schools is usually contracted out to local suppliers on a competitive tender basis.

It is hoped that a low quality meat is not accepted by the authorities because of this method of supply.

### Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Amendment Regulations, 1954.

Returns received from the two local knacker yards of animals received into their premises during the year, and slaughtered for other than human consumption, show that these animals were slaughtered upon the owners' premises before removal. Details of these are given below :—

			Horses.		Ponies.	
1966.			Live.	Dead.	Live.	Dead.
January	...	...	2	3	1	6
February	...	...	5	3	—	3
March	...	...	5	2	4	5
April	...	...	4	4	2	4
May	...	...	2	4	1	5
June	...	...	2	—	—	2
July	...	...	—	3	1	2
August	...	...	1	2	1	4
September	...	...	4	2	1	4
October	...	...	4	2	1	11
November	...	...	1	3	1	3
December	...	...	—	2	1	4
			30	30	14	53

### Meat and Other Foods.

In the course of inspection at food premises the following commodities were found to be unfit for human consumption and were voluntarily surrendered for destruction.

#### *Fish*

1 tin Crab.

108 Frozen fish fillets.

1 tin Salmon.

17 Frozen fish cakes.

*Meat.*

2 tins Chicken.	53 lbs. 8 oz. Mince.
27 tins Corned Beef.	2 lbs. 10 oz. Sausage.
7 tins Ham.	4 lbs. 8 oz. Tongue.
29 tins Hot Dog Sausages.	15 tins Meat Paste.
17 tins Irish Stew.	3 tins Meat Loaf.
3 tins Jellied Veal.	18 tins Pork.
1 tin Kidney.	6 tins Steak.
1 tin Lamb Chop.	7 tins Tongue.
34 lbs. Chicken.	11 packets Frozen Beef.
21 lbs. Lamb.	24 packets Frozen Steak.
57 lbs. 2 oz. Bacon.	10 packets Frozen Chicken.
15 lbs. 5 oz. Ham.	3 packets Frozen Rissoles.

*Fruit.*

1 tin Apricots.	56 tins Peaches.
2 tins Bilberries.	45 tins Pears.
2 tins Blackcurrants.	27 tins Pineapples.
20 bottles Fruit juice.	2 tins Plums.
21 tins Fruit Salad.	4 tins Prunes.
2 tins Fruit Pie Filling.	9 tins Raspberries.
2 tins Fruit Pudding Mix.	1 tin Strawberries.
17 tins Grapefruit.	7 packets Sultanas.
4 tins Gooseberries.	8 packets Frozen Strawberries.
5 tins Oranges.	8 packets Frozen Orange Juice.
759 tins Beans.	5 Kilos Grapes.
6 tins Carrots.	13 lbs. 8 oz. Margarine.
6 tins Condensed Milk.	165 lbs. Onions.
30 tins Macaroni.	15 tins Bolognese.
15 tins Mixed Vegetables.	21 tins Cream.
22 tins Pease Pudding.	1 tin Jam.
1 tin Potatoes.	3 tins Mixed Pickles.
14 tins Rice.	1 tin Mushrooms.
2 tins Sago.	54 tins Peas.
67 tins Tomatoes.	49 tins Ravioli.
2 packets Brussels Sprouts.	149 tins Soup.
9 tins Cheeseburgers.	5 tins Semolina.
48 tins Frozen Chips.	4 frozen Arctic Rolls.
18 tins Puff Pastry.	47 packets Frozen Beans.
2 lbs. 4 oz. Blackpudding.	6 packets Frozen Casseroles.
4 lbs. Butter.	59 packets Frozen Peas.
31 lbs. 12 oz. Cheese.	



## Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Milk Sampling—During the year 109 samples were taken by Durham County Council Health Inspector and the Weights and Measures Inspector. Results obtained on analysis:—

<i>Designation.</i>	<i>No. of Samples.</i>	<i>Result of Appropriate Test.</i>		
		<i>Pass</i>	<i>Fail</i>	<i>Void</i>
Untreated ...	11	6	5	—
Pasteurised ...	84	71	13	1
Sterilised ...	14	14	—	—

### *Brucella Abortus.*

Number of positive samples —Nil.

## Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960:

Routine examination of food premises has continued during the year which afforded a close degree of co-operation between the Department and a large majority of food traders and their staffs.

Much can be achieved, and has been achieved by law enforcement but it is much more difficult to change the unhygienic habits of some people in the food trade.

It is ultimately up to the public to demand the highest standard of food hygiene and not to patronise those shops which do not live up to these standards.

Complaints about the quality of food bought in shops should be made to the Public Health Department as soon as possible after the purchase and before the food or the remains of it have been thrown away.

Twenty informal notices were necessary directing attention to contraventions of the Regulations but formal action was not needed in any one of these instances.

Food premises subject to the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960, grouped in categories of trade carried on is recorded in the following table:—



Total Food Premises in Area	...	...	...	...	226
<i>Categories or Trades.</i>					
Grocery and Provisions	}				60
Greengrocers					
Wet and Dried Fish	...	...	...	...	18
Butchers	...	...	...	...	20
Cafe and Restaurants	...	...	...	...	5
Bakers and Confectioners	}				24
Sweets					
Public Houses, Off licences and Clubs	...	...	...	...	42
Dairies and Milk Stores	...	...	...	...	57

### Registration of Ice-cream premises:

Number of retailers registered ... .. 79

Number of Producers ... .. 3

Routine sampling continued and the following results were obtained:—

#### Ministry of Health Provisional Grading:

<i>Grade I</i>	<i>Grade II</i>	<i>Grade III</i>	<i>Grade IV</i>
5	2	1	—

### Factories Acts, 1937-1961:

#### 1. Inspection for the purpose of PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH.

Premises.	No. on Register.	Inspections.
(i) Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by local authority ... ..	1	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) which section 7 is enforced by the local authority ... ..	28	11
Total ... ..	29	11

## 2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ... ..	1	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ... ..	1	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient ... ..	1	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ... ..	1	—	—	—	—
Total ... ..	4	—	—	—	—

**The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.**

Comprehensive lists of Shops and Offices in the district were prepared and inspections of individual premises commenced. This legislation was well publicised before coming into operation and a talk was given to the local Chamber of Trade on certain aspects of the Act.

I have pleasure in recording that employer and staff have generally been most co-operative in its enforcement.

## 1. REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS.

Class of premises	No. of premises registered during the year.	Total No. of registered premises at end of year.	No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year.
Offices ... ..	4	30	13
Retail shops ...	6	99	55
Wholesale shops, warehouses ...	—	2	2
Catering establishments and canteens	1	31	12
Fuel storage depots...	1	4	3

## 2. ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE.

Class of workplace.	Number of persons employed.
Offices... ..	337
Retail shops ... ..	438
Wholesale departments, warehouses ...	15
Catering establishments open to the public	125
Canteens ... ..	10
Fuel storage depots ... ..	18
Total ... ..	943
Total Males ... ..	372
Total Females ... ..	571

Following the general inspections, informal notices were sent to occupiers whose premises did not meet the required standards.

### 3. NOTICES SERVED.

Class of workplace.	Informal Notice.		Formal Notice.
	1st	2nd	
Offices ... ..	10	5	1
Retail shops ... ..	38	14	1
Wholesale departments, warehouses...	—	—	—
Catering establishments and canteens ... ..	3	2	—
Fuel storage depots ... ..	3	1	—

Fifty-four such notices were served and the following table shows the breakdown of individual items:—

Section 4	Cleansing of floors, steps etc.	...	...	...	...	...	38
Section 6	Temperature (including the provision of thermometers)	...					41
Section 8	Lighting	...	...	...	...	...	43
Section 9	Sanitary Accommodation	...	...	...	...	...	4
Section 10	Washing facilities	...	...	...	...	...	27
Section 12	Accommodation for Clothing	...	...	...	...	...	7
Section 13	Sitting facilities	...	...	...	...	...	2
Section 15	Facilities for eating meals (Shops only)	...	...	...	...	...	2
Section 16	Repair of floors, passages, stairs	...	...	...	...	...	7
Section 17	Guarding of Machinery	...	...	...	...	...	4
Section 24	First Aid—General Provisions	...	...	...	...	...	17
Section 50	Information for Employees	...	...	...	...	...	31



## 4. REPORTED ACCIDENTS.

Workplace.	Number reported.		Total number investigated.	Action recommended.		
	Fatal.	Non-fatal.		Warning		No action
				Formal.	Informal.	
Offices ... ..	—	3	1	—	1	2
Retail shops ...	—	1	—	—	—	1
Wholesale shops	—	—	—	—	—	—
Catering establishments	—	1	1	—	1	—
Fuel storage depots ...	—	—	—	—	—	—

During 1966 five notifications of accidents were received and were caused by falling downstairs or by receiving cuts from instruments of some kind. One accident investigated under the Act resulted in the repositioning of an electric light switch so that a dark passage could be immediately lit. It would appear to be the lack of attention to such things as this, as well as poor floors and stair surfaces together with congestion of back premises, that give most bother.

**Water Supply:**

*Source*—Water is supplied for the whole of the urban district by the Durham County Water Board, and is satisfactory in quantity.

The bulk of the supply is obtained from artificial reservoirs constructed in the moorland valleys of the East Pennines, the largest being the Derwent Reservoir and Burnhope Reservoir. The water has a hardness of 37 p.p.m. and is not plumbo-solvent. All water is chlorinated and the fluoride content is negligible.

*Purity*—The Durham County Water Board provides a routine examination of the sources of supply and tests are made in the Laboratory. 10 samples submitted for bacteriological examination gave a 100% Class 1 result.

*Availability of Supplies*—With the exception of caravans supplied from standpipes, there is no property known to the Department without a direct supply of piped water.

### **Atmospheric Pollution:**

2 notifications were received of intention to install boilers and plant to which section 1 of the Clean Air Act applied.

*Smoke Prevention Byelaw.*

Operates in this district.

*Smoke Control Areas.*

No action to establish Smoke Control Areas was taken during the year.

*Industrial Pollution.*

Last year I reported the emission of sawdust and wood shavings from a local furniture factory which was causing some aerial nuisance to nearby properties.

The public health nuisance was relatively a small problem which was to a large extent overcome following discussion with the management. It is recognised that there must, within tolerable and legislative limits be a certain amount of attendant nuisance with this kind of industry but the Department in conjunction with the management were glad to be able to assist in at least mitigating the nuisance and the recurring problem of emission of sawdust and shavings into adjoining streets. Unfortunately, for other reasons entirely, the Firm has now closed down.

Complaints of atmospheric pollution from smoke have been limited in number and related more particularly to intermittent discharge of smoke and black particles from stacks of solid fuel or oil fired furnaces at individual premises.

In all instances consultation with the management has attained the adoption of remedial measures and formal proceedings under the Clean Air Act were not necessary.

There was an isolated instance of burning of old car tyres which gave rise to plumes of black smoke and nauseating smell of burning rubber.

### **Public Cleansing:**

The refuse collection and disposal service operated generally on similar lines to the previous year.

Consideration was given to the operation of a Bonus Scheme for Salvage Collection but following joint consultation with the Trade Union no municipal scheme was formulated and the matter remains in abeyance.



No action was taken into the problem of collection and disposal of old vehicles pursuant to Circular 8/65. An initial survey is required to establish the extent of the abandoned vehicle problem which is all too common these days. Quite apart from the eyesores these derelict vehicles present, there is a possible hazard for young children if petrol has been left in the fuel tank. Urgent action is necessary and could entail the use of commercial facilities in the vicinity.

### **Refuse Collection and Storage:**

Because of a tremendous increase in a much more light and bulky refuse it is essential that we replace our vehicles, when they have served out their useful lives, with larger standardised compression type vehicles. When mentioning larger type vehicles one must bear in mind the narrow entries these vehicles negotiate, but the advantages they offer with present day refuse include reasonable pay loads with fewer journeys to tip.

The paper sack system of refuse storage used properly is hygienic and makes the collectors' work easier. Sacks have been making steady progress over the past few years particularly with smaller authorities. The details of operation are now well known and many councils operate pilot, partial or full schemes. It is essential that the full co-operation of the householder is obtained with this method, and is recommended for Ox Close and Bessemer Park Housing schemes.

During the year the quantities of refuse removed to tips by our lorries and hired cart was estimated upon occasional check weighings as follows:—

3,465 lorry loads with an estimated weight of refuse 6,237 tons.

412 hired cart loads with an estimated weight of	
refuse                    ...            ...            ...            ...            ...	121 tons.

Estimated total weight of refuse ...            ...            ...	6,358 tons.
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### **Refuse Disposal:**

The difficulties in regard to refuse disposal facilities as outlined in my previous reports have resolved themselves by the proposed acquisition of additional land for tipping purposes.

The mechanical plant operated at the Rock Road tip continued to consist of one fully tracked dozer and hydraulic scraper.



**Staff:**

The regular cleansing staff consists of sixteen members, with additional temporary personnel when required to cover annual holidays etc.

The time lost by these members due to sickness and other causes is shown as complete days absence:—

<i>Month.</i>		<i>Sickness.</i>	<i>Holidays.</i>	<i>Absence No Notes.</i>	<i>Total (days)</i>
January	...	1	38	2	41
February	...	40	5	1	46
March	...	23	12	1	36
April	...	39	58	—	97
May	...	34	24	—	58
June	...	16	39	—	55
July	...	18	34	—	52
August	...	30	45	—	75
September	...	37	64	—	101
October	...	65	8	—	73
November	...	30	13	—	43
December	...	1	32	—	33
Total days		334	372	4	710

Time lost from all causes is therefore calculated as 16.06% and from sickness and absences, other than statutory holidays, the percentage is 7.6%.

**Salvage:**

Difficulties arose due to the electrical installation work necessary to operate our baling press when we moved into our new Central Depot, formerly the Gas Board Yard, but these teething troubles were overcome. The salvage room is an improvement on the Clarence Street depot as there is now continuous flow. Adequate headroom is provided for our "Derby" salvage waggon to discharge its load for direct handling to the baling machine. The finished bales are stacked and await transfer via mechanical elevator to the Board Mill's vehicle.

Month.	Quality.	Weight.			Income.		
		tons.	cwts.	qrs.	£	s.	d.
January	Fibreboard	...	19	18	268	17	0
	Mixed Waste	...	7	8			
February	Fibreboard	...	13	2	134	5	6
March	Fibreboard	...	19	11	200	10	4
April	Fibreboard	...	18	9	189	7	5
May	Fibreboard	...	24	14	253	8	8
June	Fibreboard	...	16	4	166	1	0
July	Fibreboard	...	22	3	227	3	4
August	Fibreboard	...	7	5	74	6	3
September	Fibreboard	...	17	14	181	13	7
October	Fibreboard	...	22	18	229	12	0
November	Fibreboard	...	13	14	140	13	7
December	Fibreboard	...	15	8	157	17	0
		218	10	3	£2,223	15	8

Our income from paper sales is higher than the previous year. Comparative sales of paper and trade refuse charges are tabulated for the last nine years as below:—

Year.	Paper Collections.		Trade Refuse.			Total Cleansing		
	Tonnage.	Sales.	Charges.			Income.		
	tons.	cwts.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1958	171	14	1,302	12	0	1,429	12	0
1959	149	4	1,155	11	2	1,401	3	7
1960	124	1	981	0	10	1,202	8	2
1961	142	1	1,134	4	6	1,368	14	11
1962	158	8	1,312	10	6	1,542	10	6
1963	179	6	1,393	15	8	1,646	0	8
1964	161	7	1,436	15	0	1,667	9	10
1965	200	4	2,026	14	8	2,293	9	2
1966	218	10	2,223	15	8	2,500	17	5
Totals	1504	15	£12,967	0	0	£2,085	6	3
			£15,052	6	3			

**Housing:***1966 Rehousing.*

Completed new houses and relets enabled the Council to rehouse applicants as shown below:—

Two bedroomed sub-tenants	...	5
Two bedroomed tenants	... ..	30
Three bedroomed sub-tenants	...	3
Three bedroomed tenants	... ..	23
Four bedroomed tenants	... ..	1
Bungalows	... ..	15
Single person flats	... ..	4
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Total families rehoused	...	81
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Classification of housing applications etc. during the preceding ten years.

Year	Applicants.				Total.
	General Need.	Bungalow.	Outside District.	Slum Clearance.	
1957	741	184	119	218	1262
1958	817	193	126	217	1353
1959	554	173	158	91	976
1960	586	219	180	109	1094
1961	631	244	192	76	1143
1962	576	240	170	185	1171
1963	541	274	203	79	1097
1964	583	246	209	87	1125
1965	538	229	226	58	1051
1966	599	234	236	77	1146



Council and North Eastern Housing Association Houses available for rehousing:—

Year.	Houses erected.	Relet houses.	Total.
1957	88	19	107
1958	61	138	199
1959	140	179	319
1960	68	124	192
1961	72	115	187
1962	11	146	157
1963	71	237	308
1964	69	158	227
1965	75	71	146
1966	24	57	81

Rehousing of applicants from the Waiting lists and Slum Clearance properties:—

Year.	Waiting List Applicants.			Slum Clearance.	Total.
	Bungalow.	Sub-tenants.	Other General need.		
1957	8	3	51	45	107
1958	22	4	96	77	199
1959	32	6	149	132	319
1960	10	15	113	54	192
1961	23	25	94	45	187
1962	18	18	74	47	157
1963	18	18	146	126	308
1964	17	15	125	70	227
1965	15	5	37	89	146
1966	9	8	14	50	81

### The Provision of New Houses.

The pre-war and post-war housing programmes of the Council and the North Eastern Housing Association Ltd. are given below :—

*Houses Erected.*

## Pre-War period 1936-38.

North Eastern Housing Association Ltd. erected	...	...	...	...	...	280 houses.
Urban District Council erected	...	...				74 houses.

## Post-war period 1945-66.

North Eastern Housing Association Ltd. erected	...	...	...	...	...	222 houses.
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Board of Trade (now owned by the Council) 150 houses.

Urban District Council erected :—

St. Paul's Gardens	...	...	...	61 bungalows.
Park Estate	...	...	...	244 houses.
Middlestone Moor Estate	...	...	...	637 houses.
George Street Estate	...	...	...	60 houses.
Tudhoe Moor Estate	...	...	...	188 houses.
York Hill Estate	...	...	...	104 houses.
Kirk Merrington Estate	...	...	...	57 houses.
Byers Green Estate	...	...	...	140 houses.
Hartley Terrace and Gerard Street	...	...	...	16 bungalows.
St. David's Close	...	...	...	32 houses.

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1,539 houses.

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Council-owned houses ... 1,763

North Eastern Housing Association  
Ltd., owned ... 502

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2,265 houses.

Deduct prefabricated bungalows scheduled for  
removal in the next year ... 46

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2,219

Add Sundry dwellings owned by the Council 231

Total effective housing accommodation ... 2,450

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For the information of the Council, the pre-war and post-war housing programmes are summarised as follows :—

Pre-war period, 1936-38.

Clearance areas	...	...	...	95 houses.
Individually Unfit properties			...	36 houses.

Post-war period, 1945-66.

Clearance areas	...	...	...	920 houses.
Individually Unfit properties			...	356 houses.

**Future Housing Inspections.**

Properties to be inspected in the various Wards with a view to possible action under sections 17 and 42 of the Housing Act, 1957 are summarised as follows :—

Ward.					Properties.	Estimated Population.
Period 1965-74.						
Spennymoor	...	...	...	...	132	367
Low Spennymoor		...	...	...	279	890
Tudhoe	...	...	...	...	160	518
Middlestone		...	...	...	42	230
Byers Green	...	...	...	...	40	40
Merrington		...	...	...	21	65
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					674	2,110
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Period 1975-80.						
Spennymoor	...	...	...	...	51	143
Low Spennymoor		...	...	...	94	296
Tudhoe	...	...	...	...	143	463
Middlestone		...	...	...	28	96
Byers Green	...	...	...	...	—	—
Merrington		...	...	...	16	50
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					330	1,048
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# Rehousing and the Demolition of Scheduled Properties.

Ward.			Houses Demolished.	Population Increase.	Population Decrease.
<i>Year 1962.</i>					
Spennymoor	...	...	—	—	15
Low Spennymoor	...	...	35	—	59
Tudhoe	...	...	3	50	—
Middlestone	...	...	—	25	—
Byers Green	...	...	33	—	16
Merrington	...	...	—	2	—
<i>Year 1963.</i>					
Spennymoor	...	...	3	—	187
Low Spennymoor	...	...	7	—	15
Tudhoe	...	...	14	174	15
Middlestone	...	...	18	54	—
Byers Green	...	...	10	—	11
Merrington	...	...	—	—	—
<i>Year 1964.</i>					
Spennymoor	...	...	62	—	27
Low Spennymoor	...	...	1	—	15
Tudhoe	...	...	54	27	—
Middlestone	...	...	1	23	—
Byers Green	...	...	7	—	8
Merrington	...	...	—	—	—
<i>Year 1965</i>					
Spennymoor	...	...	42	—	16
Low Spennymoor	...	...	3	—	47
Tudhoe	...	...	13	151	—
Middlestone	...	...	4	—	21
Byers Green	...	...	2	—	19
Merrington	...	...	2	—	5
<i>Year 1966.</i>					
Spennymoor	...	...	2	1	—
Low Spennymoor	...	...	5	—	72
Tudhoe	...	...	19	65	—
Middlestone	...	...	40	30	—
Byers Green	...	...	13	1	—
Merrington	...	...	—	—	3

# Housing Particulars, Spennymoor District, as amended for 1966

District.	Acreage.	Population 1966.	Dwellings.	Occupied Rooms.	Persons per Acre.	Persons. per House.	Persons. per Room.
Spennymoor Ward ... ..	1,134	4,021	1,665	7,159	3.55	2.5	0.56
Low Spennymoor Ward ... ..	329	1,278	450	1,772	3.87	2.8	0.72
Tudhoe Ward ... ..	1,913	7,741	2,594	10,557	4.04	2.9	0.73
Middlestone Ward ... ..	1,215	3,501	1,152	4,792	2.88	3.0	0.73
Byers Green Ward ... ..	1,130	1,082	309	1,665	0.95	3.5	0.65
Merrington Ward ... ..	1,822	927	301	1,206	0.50	3.0	0.77
Urban District ... ..	7,543	18,550	6,471	27,151	2.45	2.8	0.69













